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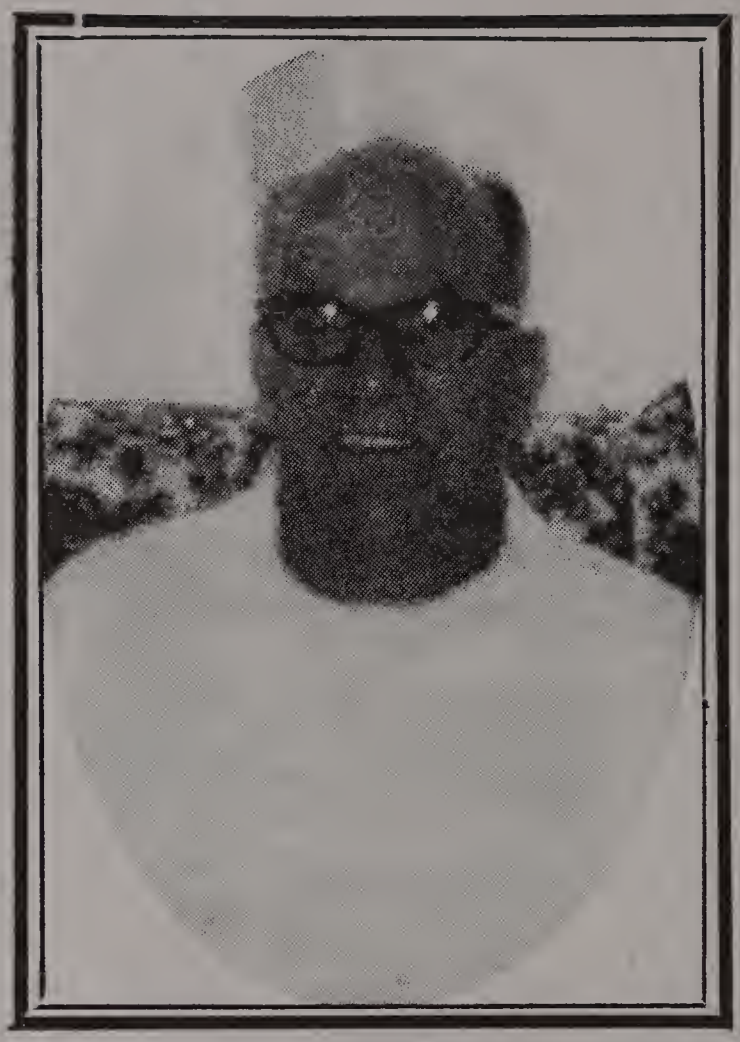

EARL GETT

This year's Annual Report is dedicated to Earl R. Gett, Sr., He is married to the former Helen Blakesley and lives in Loudville.

Earl has served the Town of Westhampton for many years in a variety of positions and in each capacity has always given his very best. He served as a Selectman, Board of Health member and Board of Public Welfare member for sixteen years, many of those as its Chairman. He was a member of the School Committee, the Town's Veterans' Agent, served as a member of the volunteer Fire Department, served as a member of the Board of Appeals for many years, and was the Police Chief for several years.

Earl always could be counted on to know the answers to the multitude of laws and could quote chapter and sections in referring to State Laws.

He was a fair administrator in dealing with the daily problems encountered in the governing of a town.

To Earl, we say thank you for your part in making Westhampton such a nice place in which to grow up, raise a family and enjoy retirement.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

As of January 1, 1983 the Board of Selectmen was comprised of David K. Bridgman, Chairman, Stillman G. Brooks, Clerk and Normand F. Cloutier. After many years of continuous service to the Town, Mr. Cloutier resigned his seat on the board. In Town Elections held during the April 2, 1983 Annual Town Meeting, William H. Bruneau was elected Selectman for a three year term of office. In April, the Board of Selectmen reorganized: Stillman G. Brooks, Chairman, William H. Bruneau, Clerk and David K. Bridgman.

In November, David Bridgman was reappointed to the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association, serves on the Executive Board of the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association and the Past President's Association of the M.S.A.

The Board, on behalf of the Town of Westhampton, wishes to express its gratitude, to the Westhampton Congregational Church whose members voted to transfer ownership of the land, buildings and contents of the Westhampton Memorial Library over to the town. We also would like to thank the various town and church committees whose diligent efforts provided for an orderly transfer of this important community resource.

The town now has a vastly improved insurance coverage program. Acting on the recommendations of a specially appointed town committee, the Board retained in-depth review of existing and future insurance needs. This contractual service included the evaluation of existing insurance policies, a review of town owned properties, and analysis of potential risks, the preparation of a total insurance bid package, and an evaluation of bids received from insurance companies. The selectmen, working in conjunction with the town insurance committee, acted on the consultants recommendations. This action will benefit the town for years to come.

An ongoing concern of the Board is the town's landfill operation. The Board of Selectmen appointed a five-man commission to study the town's impending rubbish removal problems. The initial charge of the commission was to study the feasibility of regional incineration, a concept initiated by the Hampshire County Planning Office. Upon review of the commissions finding and listening to local residents, the board concluded that the idea of a regional incinerator to be located in Westhamp-

ton and to be shared with Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Worthington and Huntington, was found to be unworkable for a variety of economic and operational reasons. A plan for rubbish removal must still be found. If, at the end of the remaining life of the landfill, a plan is not found, the dump would be closed under State Law. A viable solution to the problem will be under constant review by the Board.

A Police Department "ad-hoc" committee was established by the Board for the purpose of reviewing and updating existing traffic rules, policies and department by-laws. In other concerns, the Selectmen authorized the police department to use the unoccupied downstairs portion of the Town Hall as a meeting room. This action will permit a better utilization of existing town properties. Since renovation of the area is needed, any resident is welcome to donate materials and/or labor to assist the department in converting this idle area into usable space.

Posted speed limit sings were erected on Easthampton and Loudville Roads. Stop signs have been requested to be placed at certain intersections along Route 66.

The Westhampton portion of Route 66 was completed to the Huntington Town Line. The Board wishes to thank all residents on this route for their cooperation and to apologize for any inconveniences suffered.

The Board received with regret the resignation of Olga Hathaway as Town Treasurer. Mrs. Betty Anne Gould was appointed to succeed Mrs. Hathaway in this important financial position. Mrs. Margaret Parsons was appointed to the positon of Town Accounting Officer. She is currently in the process of implementing an accounting system which will completely update existing systems and will conform with the uniform municipal accounting practices code. The Board also instituted a budgetary control measure in that monthly budgetary reports are being issued to the Town's Finance Committee. This action expands and communicates certain management information among town boards and commissions.

The Board of Selectmen has issued many licenses. We ask anyone who is presently conducting a commercial enterprise or is contemplating the establishment of a business to contact the Board to see if a license is required.

The Board adopted a policy which requires that before the Building Inspector issues a building permit, all other craft permits must first be obtained from the different inspectors.

The Board accepted several resignations with regret and appointed persons to fill the vacancies as follows:

Betty-Anne Gould replaced Olga Hathaway as Treasurer.

William Hogan replaced Peter Curtis on the Board of Health.

George Staples replaced Walter Kwolek as Plumbing Inspector and Joseph Auger as Gas Inspector.

Charles Ognibene resigned as Dog Officer and a replacement has not been found.

Since voluntary service is the foundation of Town Government, the Board of Selectmen would like to thank all of the members of all the Boards, elected and appointed, who have given an ever increasing amount of their time to the running of our town government. It is your dedication that will always make Westhampton a better place to live and raise a family.

Respectfully submitted,
Stillman G. Brooks, Chairman
Willian H. Bruneau, Clerk
David K. Bridgman

Report of the Center Cemetery

This past year I reset and repaired most of the monuments that were broken or tipped over. A few were broken in such small pieces that they were beyond repair.

The Cemetery Committee has added a new section of lots. There also has been an increasing number of evergreen shrubs planted around monuments in the past years, I hope people realize that it is only a matter of time that these plants will overgrow and engulf their surroundings.

Routine maintenance consisted of raking leaves, mowing, trimming shrubs and leveling up sunken areas. There were (8) burials this year and (4) new foundations.

Respectfully submitted
John A. Warren
Caretaker

JURORS DRAWN IN 1983

TRAVERSE

Brian Sullivan
Charles Packard
Sherry Pasternack
Doris Huntley
Claudia Burhoe
Robert Allen
Cheryl Brazeil
Mary Pelissier
Jacqueline Brodeur
Martin Gugenberger
William Thompson
Geraldine Ognibene
Beverly Montague
Lucille Beaupre
Kathleen Aloisi
Bertha Parsons
Lillian Cote

GRAND JURY

Judith Lococo

NAMES IN JURY BOX FOR 1984

Mary Laprade
Edward Montague
James Averill
Roy Von Dreische
Donald Munson
William Tremblay
Virginia Smith
Diane LaFosse
Kathleen Acus
Sylvia Buzzee
Margot Cleary
Vincent Ferrara
Dawn Jarmen
Sid Cole
Terrance Farley
Mary Leslie
Aline McDonald
Betsy O'Brien
Robert Lapalme
Jay Pasternack
Thomas Graham
Eben Willey
Philip Norris, Jr.
Joseph Damon
Lorraine Spencer

DISBURSEMENTS BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Fiscal 1983

ACCOUNT		SPENT	APPRO./BAL.
Assessors			$ 200.00
Stanley J. Kozera	36.10		
Hobbs & Warren	56.70		
Whalen Stationery	41.43		
Laura Blakesley	30.00	$ 163.23	36.77
REVALUATION (from Revenue Sharing)			
Spencer Fitts		7707.00	9500.00
		To Fiscal '84	1793.00
BOARD OF HEALTH			100.00
Peter Curtis		20.00	
Transfered to Insurance Consultant	80.00		—
SPECIAL SPRING ACCOUNT			
Tighe/Bond	30.00		
Berkshire Enviro Labs	20.00	50.00	
LANDFILL STUDY		Fiscal '82	1791.00
Almer Huntley Associates	3246.00	Fiscal '83	1853.45
Walter Challet	75.00	Rev. Sharing	7495.55
Joseph Misterka	637.00		
Northampton Sand and Gravel	1632.00	5590.00	
		To Fiscal 84-RS	5551.00
BRIDGES AND RAILINGS			1000.00
Armco Inc.	524.52		
Montague & Sarafin	217.00	741.52	258.48
CEMETERY			1000.00
John Warren	1000.00		—
TOTMAN INTEREST			
John Warren		200.00	
CEMETERY TRUST FUND INTEREST			
John Warren		52.41	
CIVIL DEFENSE			100.00
Transferred to Ins. Consultant	100.00		—
CLERICAL HIRE			1050.00
Luanne Clark	291.66		
Margaret Parsons	575.00		
Pat Shepley	125.00		
Laura Blakesley	58.34	1050.00	—
CONSERVATION COMMISSION			50.00
Transfer to Insurance Consultant	50.00		—
CONSTABLE			10.00
Transfer to Insurance Consultant		10.00	—
HIGHLAND VALLEY ELDER SERVICE			375.00
Westhampton Church		50.00	325.00

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SPECIAL EDUCATION

Robert A. Johnson, Director	1972.18	
Robert A. Johnson, Travel	116.53	
Ilene K. Lorow, Clerical	833.63	
SPED - Office Expense	126.10	
SPED - Classroom Supplies	367.55	
SPED - Textbooks	215.63	
SPED - Audio Visual	92.85	
SPED - Psychologist Expense	788.88	
SPED - Other Expense	86.37	
		4599.72

INSTRUCTION

Donald E. MacLeod, Principal	10228.92	
Principal Expense	494.96	
		10723.88
Angela E. Barron	5464.37	
Deborah Brooks	8728.88	
Virginia M. Brown	16963.04	
Eugene H. Callahan, Jr.	18954.54	
Helene E. Miller	11627.88	
Patricia M. Moriarty	11564.59	
Joanne J. Moynahan	15251.44	
Joyce E. Piper	18957.90	
Substitutes	1771.66	
Michael E. Korpita, Physical Education	6447.72	
Martha S. Cycz, Music	2258.30	
Lydia C. Omasta, Kindergarten Aide	3924.69	
Elenor R. Scott, Teacher Aide	3358.30	
Glenda H. Hall Special Education	8173.10	
Gloria H. Nicholls, Speech Therapist	2811.08	
Joanne O'Leary, Speech Therapist	2498.30	
Ruth E. Hawkins, Adjustment Counselor	3923.40	
Ruth E. Hawkins, Travel	150.00	
		142199.19
Class Trips		50.00
Classroom Supplies		4026.05
Textbooks		4445.44
Library Books		171.06
Audio Visual		309.52
Cafeteria		3066.49
Rental of Building		1500.00
Other Expense		73.84

CHAPTER I

Euthecia G. Hancewicz	2733.40	
Supplies	38.96	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	326.64	
		3099.00

HEALTH EXPENSE

Eleanor R. Scott, R.N.	804.26	
Theodore K. Selkirk, Jr., M.D.	100.00	
Health Expense	122.98	
		1027.24

COUNCIL ON AGING			700.00
Westhampton Cong. Church	150.00		
WMACOA	25.00		
Esther Holway	28.00		
Ernest Delisle	80.00		
Hilltown Transporation	300.00		
Evelyn Tracy	45.00	628.00	72.00
COA GRANT			
Esther Holway		181.07	
COUNSEL FEES		Fiscal '82	600.83
Stanley J. Kozera	467.28	Fiscal '83	2500.00
Lewis A. Whitney	1028.09		
Internal Revenue Service	155.11	1650.48	
Transfer to Insurance Consultant	1000.00	To Fiscal '84	450.35
WM COALTION		200.00	200.00
DOG CARE & DESTROY			
Charles Ognibene		328.00	
DOG OFFICER			75.00
Transfer to Insurance Consultant	75.00		—
DUTCH ELM DISEASE			1.00
			1.00
FIRE CHIEF AND FOREST WARDEN			500.00
David k. Bridgman		500.00	—
FIRE DEPARTMENT			2000.00
Mass. Fire Equipment	1358.00		
Munsons Auto Supply	136.55		
Merriam Graves	72.50		
Robert Miller	30.00		
Motorola Inc.	300.00		
Westfield Auto Parts	25.50		
Marlin Electrical Equipment	20.19		
Blyda Ford Sales	6.19		
David K. Bridgman	12.00		
Jeanne C. Bridgman	18.15	1979.08	20.92
FIRE RADIOS (form Revenue Sharing)			1500.00
Motorola		1498.16	1.84
HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL ASSESSMENT		175829.00	175829.00
SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM			
Hampshire Regional School District		12508.39	
MEALS TAX			
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		23.66	

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY RETIREMENT		4841.38	
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEMS TAX			10150.00
		10150.50	.50
DOG LICENSES TO HAMPSHIRE COUNTY		820.25	
STATE PARKS & RECREATION TAX			
Hampshire County Treasurer		13635.58	
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY TAX		34319.07	
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT SALARIES			
Wayne Buzzee	11775.00		49240.00
Premium	78.75	From snow rem.	800.00
Roscoe Hurd	11472.00		
Premium	186.75		
Jeffrey Nehring	8624.83		
Premium	92.70		
Richard W. Tracy	16790.40		
Robert Miller	125.94		
Christopher Cherry	12.75		
Donald Fox	137.13		
Alfred Blakesley	42.50	49338.75	
Transfer to Highway Materials	500.00		201.25
HIGHWAY MATERIALS AND CONSTRUCTION			40000.00
Omasta Bros.	3787.50		
Westhampton Sand & Gravel	800.00	From snow rem.	800.00
Warner Bros.	10060.29	From salaries	500.00
Agway INc.	92.48	From fuel	500.00
Lane Construciton	9463.66		
Westhampton Water Co.	258.80		
Labrie Construction	2677.06		
Hathaway Construction	3316.00		
Northampton Sand & Gravel	3006.83		
Daniel Krug	310.40		
Tri County Contractors	350.00		
Ernest Delsile	10.85		
Merrill Witherell	1260.00		
Taylor Rental	315.00		
All States Asphalt	3049.33		
Pioneer Excavation	360.00		
Almer Huntley Associates	1971.44		
Leo Aloisi	39.60		
Foster Farrar	4.41		
Richard's Plumbing	12.50		
Tobin Bros.	206.23		
Joseph Lococo	21.60		
Freadman Steel	97.50		
Henry Brochu	7.40		
Mohawk Excavating	315.00	41793.88	6.12

ROAD MACHINERY			15500.00
B.J. McLaughlin	181.31	From Reserve	500.00
Tri County Contractors	210.00	From snow rem.	600.00
Share Corporation	473.00		
Plum Auto Supply	47.20		
Alco Equipment Inc.	194.07		
Bak Tire	91.28		
Pete's Tire Barn	7204.53		
D & D Auto Parts	1018.42		
Bart Truck Equipment	53.74		
Manchester Company	18.41		
Graves Equipment	3043.53		
Agway Inc.	255.39		
E. B. Atmus	33.91		
Schultz Lubricants	350.59		
Sportsman Marina	400.05		
New England Wheel & Rim	19.50		
Lapienski's Garage	28.00		
Clean & Gun Inc.	9.50		
Ralph's Blacksmith Shop	716.77		
William WIllard	84.00		
Springfield Auto Electric	17.07		
Petty Cash	85.90		
Kar Products	85.76		
Huntley Auto Parts	20.00		
Safety Kleen	34.50		
Sentry Uniform	19.00		
Easthampton Atuo Parts	21.21		
C & I Distributors	98.83		
Easthampton Welding & Radiator	46.00		
Suburban Propane	69.84		
Chriscola Equipment	577.43		
Blyda Ford Sales	103.58		
ABS Equipment	382.46		
Henry Brochu Sharpening	20.35		
Springfield Tire & Brake	41.36		
DMS Tools & Equipment	65.95		
Lubrication Supply	37.86		
Standan Steel	11.40		
Chase Automotive	84.40		
Parts Place	325.35	16581.45	18.55
ROAD MACHINERY & FIRE DEPT. BUILDINGS			2500.00
WMECO	453.79		
Ernest Delisle	159.26		
Burek Oil & Gas	1080.05		
Manchester Company	35.54		
Taylor Rental	52.50		
Mass. Fire Equipment Corp.	29.70		
Dan Whiteley	115.00		
Petty Cash	24.39		
Edward Hamill	549.00	2499.23	.77
ROAD MACHINERY FUEL			12000.00
Burek Oil	563.81		
Farm Petroleum	10635.22	11199.03	

Transfer to Highway Materials	500.00		300.97
ROAD GRADER			
Tyler Equipment		6428.00	
SNOW REMOVAL AND SANDING			20000.00
Whole sale Distributors	1839.58		
Christenson Paint & Hardware	10.84		
Paul Duga Co.	700.00		
B.J. McLaughlin	51.00		
Wayne Buzzee	945.00		
Roscoe Hurd	956.25		
Jeffrey Nehring	333.34		
International Salt	8922.61		
Northampton Sand & Gravel	3362.28		
DMS Tools & Equipment	54.00		
Agway Inc.	13.95		
David Blakesley	32.50		
Donald Blakesley	25.00		
Tri County Contractors	240.99		
Ralph's Blacksmith Shop	84.00		
Lyman Sheet Metal	21.50		
Freadman Steel	150.00		
C & I Distributors	18.10	17760.94	
Transfer to Highway Salaries	800.00		
Transfer to Road Machinery	600.00		
Transfer to Highway Materials	800.00		39.06
SNOW PLOW			3900.00
Braun's Welding		3630.50	269.50
PAVEMENT STRIPER			
Tri County Contractors		4995.00	
CHAPTER 329 no.30176			13892.81
All States Asphalt	10624.35		
Michael Herbert	112.00		
Manhan Tree	75.00		
Tri County Contractors	140.00		
Northampton Sand & Gravel	2941.46	13892.81	—
CHAPTER 480 no.29797			13197.72
R.L. Benson	31.92		
Bisbee Bros.	76.25		
Joseph Lococo	92.64		
Community Feed Store	62.30		
Daniel Krug	326.65		
Northampton Sand & Gravel	2962.98		
Walter Challet	654.65		
Pioneer Excavating	3525.60		
Richard's Rental	100.00		
Taylor Rental	135.00		
Fleury Lumber	8.00		
Tobin Bros.	441.62		
Hatfield Equipment	45.00		
Amherst Farmers Supply	114.50	8577.11	4620.61

CHAPTER 335 Potholes			7555.00
Lane Construction	808.94		
Northampton Sand & Gravel	1057.60		
Warner Bros.	3205.36		
Taylor Rental	45.00		
Labrie Construction	162.50		
New England Concrete Pipe	1512.00	6791.40	763.59
CHAPTER 732			22606.00
Omasta Bros.	2503.50		
Richard's Rental	37.50		
Lane Construction	99.51		
Tobin Bros.	618.68		
Northampton Sand & Gravel	172.47		
Foster Farrar	13.22		
Almer Huntly	340.87	3785.75	18820.25
TOWN DUMP			3750.00
Walter Challet	2691.75	From Reserve	23.75
Bertha Parsons	800.00		
Olga Hathaway	32.00		
Roscoe Hurd	250.00	3773.75	—
HOLIDAY PAY			1072.00
Wayne Buzzee	384.00		
Roscoe Hurd	384.00		
Jeffrey Nehring	304.00	1072.00	
VACATION PAY			1580.00
Jeffrey Nehring	380.00		
Roscoe Hurd	720.00		
Wayne Buzzee	480.00	1580.00	—
UNION PENSION PLAN			
Local No. 98		510.00	
HISTORICAL COMMISSION			680.00
WMECO	69.33	From Reserve	6.48
Ernest A. Delisle	23.25		
H. Davis Goddard	120.86		
Bisbee Bros.	473.04	686.48	—
GROUP INSURANCE			11379.00
Blue Cross	14204.43		
Aetna	329.50	14533.93	—
INSURANCE & BONDS			22000.00
Liberty Mutual	2581.00	Refunds	971.00
Fickert Howard and Wragg	9468.25	Reimbursement	151.00
MIIA	129.00	Reserve Trans.	223.25
Francis P. Lyons Ins.	499.00		
Salls Whalen (Goggins)	6719.00		
Old Republic	3919.00		
King and Cushman	30.00	23345.25	—
INSURANCE CONSULTANT		From various accts.	3000.00

TEMPORARY LOANS			
Pioneer and Hamp			
INTEREST ON TEMPORARY LOANS			
			3000.00
Hampshire National Bank (and Pioneer)		7968.99 from res.	4000.00
		from town hall	1000.00
TEMPORARY LOANS			
Pioneer and Hampshire Banks		240000.00	
HIGHWAY REIMBURSEMENT			
Hampshire National Bank		40248.00	
LAND DAMAGE			500.00
Stanley Kozera, Registar		72.50	
Transfer to Insurance Consulatant		27.50	
Transfer to Printing and Supply		400.00	—
LIBRARY			6280.00
Stephen Holt	45.00		
Louise Montague	2773.14		
WMECO	342.29		
House and Garden	12.00		
National Geographic	32.05		
Grolier Enterprises	6.97		
New England Telephone	165.70		
Upstart	18.32		
Popular Science	13.94		
Ladies Home Journal	9.97		
McCall's	8.95		
Bigelow's	230.72		
Literary Guild	220.57		
Doubleday Book Club	135.99		
Caldor's	247.92		
DEMCO	61.42		
Sheila Marks	78.73		
Book of the Month	37.10		
Burek Oil	784.57		
Herst Magazine	12.97		
Prevention	11.97		
Reader's Digest	12.93		
Early American Life	15.00		
Yankee Books	19.05		
RR Nature Club	10.50		
Better Homes and Garden	12.00		
Vermont Life	14.00		
Baker Taylor Co.	469.16		
Sports Afield	11.97		
Fickert, Howard and Wragg Ins.	321.00		
Country Journal	9.50		
Country Living	15.97		
World Book Encyclopedia	29.65		
Outdoor Life	9.97		
National Geographic Society Mag.	15.00		
Seventeen	11.95		
Americana Magazine	11.90		

Popular Mechanics	11.97		
Yankee Magazine	14.25		
Homeowners How To	13.94	6280.00	—
MEMORIAL DAY			100.00
Women's Fellowship		39.50	—
Transfer to Insurance Consultant		60.50	—
POLICE CHIEF			500.00
John Cobb		500.00	
POLICE RADIOS			1800.00
Motorola		1800.00	—
POLICE DEPARTMENT			4500.00
John Cobb	2438.36	from police serv.	180.00
Charles Inman	129.27	from town hall	220.00
John Clark	219.26	from reserve	55.86
Fred Thouin	562.72		
David Huntley	492.36		
Mildred Cobb	93.54		
WMLEC	135.00		
WMECO	171.91		
Donald Blakesley	158.41		
Louise Inman	38.68		
Richard A. Sherburne	15.00		
Century Uniform	304.90		
Uncle Fred's Gun Repair Shop	25.76		
Comm. of Mass.	5.00		
Nancy I. Cartledge	10.80		
Forbes Snyder Off. Prod.	14.89		
Mass. Chief of Police Assoc.	50.00		
NENEOA	15.00		
WM Chief of Police	20.00		
Comm. of Public Safety	55.00		
Cindy Shaw, EMT	30.00	4985.86	—30.00
POLICE REVOLVING HRHS			
Fred Thouin	208.00		
David Huntly	211.25		
Donald Blakesley	110.50		
John Cobb	45.50		
Curt Burhoe	48.75		
Charles Inman	26.00		
Richard Mulcehy	13.00		
Henry Bisbee	13.00		
Orman Todd	13.00	689.00	
POLICE REVOLVING Rte. 66			
John Cobb	7164.00		
James Hickey	2929.50		
David Huntley	1336.50		
Fred Thouin	909.00		
Donald Blakesley	981.00		
Dianne Thouin	4095.00		
Earl Gett	3399.75		

Walter Challet	2943.00		
Jean Stroah	4637.25		
Ginny Curtis	1093.50		
John Clark	1989.00		
Mildred Cobb	2844.00		
Harold Taylor	2351.25		
James Robillard	2229.75		
Richard Tracy	864.00	39766.50	
POLICE SERVICE FEE			
Olga C. Hathaway		681.07	
POSTAGE & TELEPHONE			3000.00
Postmaster	677.40	Reserve	13.57
Luanne Clark	20.00		
New England Telephone	1870.24		
Jeanne Bridgman	32.60		
Charles Ogribene	60.00		
Andrea Pichette	16.50		
Laura Blakesley	20.00		
Olga Hathaway	13.41		
Margaret Parsons	3.42	2713.57	
Transfer to Insurance Consultant		300.00	—
PRINTING & SUPPLIES			2500.00
Moore Business Systems	119.50	From reserve	295.55
Whalen Stationery	61.47	From land damage	400.00
Daily Hampshire Gazette	424.49	From town officer	300.00
Typewriter Shop	31.00		
Cartledge's	11.95		
Hobbs & Warren	323.31		
Forbes Snyder	130.74		
Director of Accounts	60.00		
Stillman Brooks	9.24		
Easthampton News	1311.00		
BOCA International	28.00		
Smith Business Forms	829.82		
Hines Corporation	65.50		
Business Envelopes Man.	38.64		
Copies Unlimited	9.00		
Olga Hathaway	21.18		
Oscar Lorow	1.05		
Canton Typewriter	17.50		
Jeanne Bridgman	2.16	3495.55	
RECREATION			500.00
Western Village	30.00		
Easthampton League	100.00	130.00	
Transfer to Insurance Consultant		300.00	70.00

RESERVE FUND TRANSFERS			7500.00
Interest on Temporary Loans	4031.25		
Unemployment 151A	2330.00		
Road Machinery	500.00		
Printing and Supplies	295.55		
Insurance	223.25		
Town Dump	23.75		
Historical	6.48		
Police	55.86		
Postage & Telephone	13.57		
Town Officer	1.08		19.21
FEDERAL TAX		35959.13	
STATE WITHOLDING TAX		11933.30	
TAX ABATEMENTS			
D & B Equipment	5.62		
Katherine Boudrea	6.25		
George Whitten	6.87		
Alan Lampson	12.50		
W. A. Kwolek Plumbing	22.50		
Fred Trela	7.48		
James Papillon	21.87		
Hadley Village Barn & Country Store	96.03		
Dorothy A. Miller	8.01		
Christian Burhoe	4.17		
Normand Cloutier	7.30		
Steven Kisiolek	6.24		
Jeffrey Skrocki	6.24		
Robert Skrocki	10.40		
Lorraine Spencer	42.58		
Glenn Loud	5.72		
Francis Loud	10.81		
Suzanne Walker	8.75	289.34	
TOWN HALL			1800.00
WMECO	58.82		
David K. Bridgman	8.00		
Hartford Sanitary Prod.	25.84		
Burek Oil	145.88		
Ernest A. Delisle	88.80		
Jeanne C. Bridgman	2.68	334.52	
S.G. Brooks	4.50		
Transfer to Interest on Temp. Loans		1000.00	
Transfer to Insurance Consultant		47.00	
Transfer to Police Account		220.00	198.48
TOWN OFFICER			12425.00
WM City & Town Clerks	3.00	From Reserve	1.08
Ma. Fed. Planning Boards	40.00		
MMA	277.00		
R.W. Tracy, Moderator	105.00		
Ma. Town Clerks	15.00		
Priscilla Miller, Asses.	550.00		
LPVRPC	170.55		

H. City Fire Defense	20.00	
Evelyn Tracy, Elec. Off.	91.29	
Dorothy Loud, Elec. Off.	40.20	
Judith Lococ, Elec. Off.	56.12	
Diane Kwolek, Elec. Off.	24.29	
Jessie Cole, Elec. Off.	20.94	
Elizabeth Anderson, Elec. Off.	83.70	
Patricia Warren, Elec. Off.	56.95	
Willetee White	3.35	
Anita Hickey	3.35	
Bette McGill	3.35	
Janice Tracy	14.24	
Margo Cleary	3.35	
Elizabeth Fisher	3.35	
Ma. Assoc. of Cons. Com.	25.00	
Int. Inst. Mun. Clerks	30.00	
Ruth Gagnon	72.03	
John Lynes	14.24	
Helen Clarke	10.89	
Enace Lococo	10.89	
Renee Putnam	3.35	
Jeanne C. Bridgman, T. Clerk	1250.00	
Normand Cloutier, Selectman	600.00	
Ma. Collectors and Treasurers	50.00	
Charles Ognibene, Tax Collector	1250.00	
H. Cty. Selectmen's Assoc.	30.00	
Ma. Assoc. of Assessing Off.	36.00	
David K. Bridgman, Selectman	750.00	
Stillman G. Brooks, Selectman	600.00	
John Shaw, Assessor	600.00	
Gail Packard, Assessor	550.00	
Peter Curtis, Board of Health	50.00	
Timothy MaGinnis, Board of Health	50.00	
David Cole, Board of Health	41.67	
Olga Hathaway, Treasurer	2000.00	
Philip Norris, School Committee	150.00	
Gail Hartnett, School Committee	125.00	
Marrion Miller, School Committee	110.58	
Thomas Clery, School Committee	14.42	
Serge Belanger, Bldg. Insp.	250.00	
Richard Williams, Wiring Insp.	150.00	
Joseph Auger, Gas Insp.	50.00	
Ernest Delisle, Sanitation	50.00	
Charles Ognibene, Dog Officer	100.00	
Ronald Lafosse, Veterans	100.00	
Jeanne Bridgman, Clk. Bd. Reg.	50.00	
Evelyn Blakesley, Auditor	90.00	
Art Pichette, Board of Health	8.33	
Walter Kwolek, Plumbing Insp.	150.00	
Mass. Dept. of Revenue	17.59	
Mass. Highway Assoc.	25.00	
Director of Accounts	40.00	11090.08
Transfer to Unemployment		936.00
Transfer to Insurance Consulant		100.00
Transfer to Printing and Supplies		300.00

TRAVEL EXPENSE				1000.00
WM City and Town Clerks	6.00			
Radisson Ferncroft	247.50			
David K. Bridgman	12.50			
Stillman G. Brooks	12.50			
Normand F. Cloutier	12.50			
MMA	205.00			
Hampshire Cnty. Sel. Assoc.	116.50			
Susan Bridgman	3.75			
Olga Hathaway	28.00			
Jeanne C. Bridgman	12.00			
University Confer. Service	55.00	711.25		
Transfer to Insurance Consultant		280.00		8.75
TREE REMOVAL				200.00
Murray Clapp		144.00		56.00
STREET & WRIGHT FUND				
Frank Munson		296.00		
THAYER FUND				
Charlotte Wood	62.57			
Charles Ognibene	62.58	125.15		
UNEMPLOYMENT CHAPTER 151A			2500.00	2500.00
Ma. Div. of Employment Security			5428.00 reserve	2330.00
			town off.	936.00
				338.00
VETERANS				4000.00
Ronald LaFosse			3586.94 carry over	198.00
Transfer to Insurance Consultants			570.00	
				41.22
STABILIZATION				
General Fund		7500.00		10000.00
Free Cash		2500.00	10000.00	—

RECAPITULATION

Assessors	163.23
Revaluation	7707.00
Board of Health	20.00
Special Spring Account	50.00
Landfill Study	5590.00
Bridges and Railings	741.52
Cemetary	1000.00
Totman Interest	200.00
Cemetary Trust Fund Interest	52.41
Clerical Hire	1050.00
Highland Valley Elder Services	50.00
Council on Aging	628.00
COA Grant	181.07
Counsil Fees	1650.48
WM Coalition	200.00

Dog Care and Destroy	328.00
Fire Chief and Forest Warden	500.00
Fire Department	1979.08
Fire Radios	1498.16
Hampshire Regional Assessment	175829.00
School Lunch Program	12508.39
Meals Tax	23.66
Hampshire County Retirement	4841.38
Hampshire County Retirement Systems Tax	10150.50
Dog Licenses to Hampshire County	820.25
State Parks and Recreation Tax	13635.58
Hampshire County Tax	34319.07
Highway Department Salaries	49338.75
Highway Materials and Construction	41793.88
Road Machinery	16581.45
Road Machinery and Fire Department Buildings	2499.23
Road Machinery Fuel	11199.03
Road Grader	6428.00
Snow Removal and Sanding	17760.94
Snow Plow	3630.50
Pavement Striper	4995.00
Chapter 329	13892.81
Chapter 480	8577.11
Chapter 335	6791.40
Chapter 732	3785.75
Town Dump	3773.75
Holiday Pay	1072.00
Vacation Pay	1580.00
Union Pension Plan	510.00
Historical Commission	686.48
Group Insurance	14533.93
Insurance and Bonds	23345.25
Interest on Temporary Loans	7968.99
Temporary Loans	240000.00
Highway Reimbursement	40248.00
Land Damage	72.50
Library	6280.00
Memorial Day	39.50
Police Chief	500.00
Police Radios	1800.00
Police Department	4985.86
Police Revolving HRHS	689.00
Police Revolving Rte. 66	39766.50
Police Service Fee	681.07
Postage and Telephone	2713.57
Printing and Supplies	3495.55
Recreation	130.00
Federal Tax	35959.13
State Tax	11933.30
Tax Abatement	289.34
Town Hall	334.52
Town Officer	11090.08
Travel Expense	711.25
Tree Removal	144.00
Street and Wright Fund	296.00
Thayer Fund	125.15
Unemployment	5428.00
Veterans	3586.94
Stabilization	10000.00
TOTAL	937760.29

1982-1983 WESTHAMPTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Library Treasurer's report - July 1, 1982 thru June 30, 1983

Town Account

Income	July 1, 1982 thru June 30, 1983		
	Incentative Grant to Libraries	1250.00	
	Town Appropriation	4728.15	
	Dog Tax Refund	301.85	
			6280.00
Expenditures July 1, 1982 thru June 30, 1983			
	Books	1420.23	
	Magazines	269.60	
	Supplies	90.24	
	Librarian	2762.64	
	Sub Librarian	78.73	
	Fuel	784.57	
	Telephone	165.70	
	Lights	342.29	
	Maintenance	45.00	
	Insurance	321.00	
			6280.00
	No balance on June 30, 1983		-0- -0- -0-

Active Account

Balance, July 1, 1982			
	Savings Bank Book no.18016	4491.47	
	Term Certificate	10000.00	
	Florence Savings-Now Acct.	18.36	
			14509.83
Income - per cash book July 1, 1982 thru June 30, 1983			
	Easthampton Rotary	100.00	
	Books - lost	7.25	
	Books - lost for Bookmobile	10.94	
	Supplies - Summer program	5.08	
	Henry Brown - Summer program	50.00	
	Typewriter rebate	25.00	
	Special Class - gift	52.00	
	Charles Burt Estate	1160.00	
	Stanley Bartlett - gift	250.00	
	Mrs. Cobb - Summer program 83	20.00	
	Evelyn Tracy - books	21.89	
	Dot Miller - books	31.88	
			1734.04
Income - interest			
	Saving Bank Book - no.18016	293.83	
	Savings Bank Certificate	1060.59	
	Now Account - Florence Sav.	5.03	1359.36
	Total Income —		+ 3093.40

Expenses --	Books	330.62		
	Magizines	10.95		
	Supplies	78.31		
	Misc-gifts, box rent	231.00		
	Equipment	247.00		
	Librarian	45.36		
	Sub-Librarian	119.73		
	Lights	26.63		
	Telephone	15.09		
	Maintenance	72.01		
	Repairs-roof	465.00		
			1641.70	
				- 1641.70
Balance - June 30, 1983				15961.53
Cash Book Balance - June 30, 1983				
	Savings Book no.18016		5929.73	
	Term Certificate		10000.00	
	Florence-Now Account		31.80	
	Balance-June 30, 1983			15961.53

We have in the Safety deposit box at the Easthampton Savings Bank, the presidential ingots. The typewriter (Equipment) was added to the Library this year and the money came from special gifts. Special Funds repaired the roof. We are also grateful to Stanley Bartlett for his generous gift. The many contributions, both in funds and helpful assistance is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy M. Miller
Treasurer

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER
Fiscal July 1, 1982 - June 30, 1983

Balance on Hand July 1, 1982		167955.30
Taxes and Interest received from Collector:		
1979 Excise	34.10	
Interest	11.24	45.34
1980 Excise	474.27	
Interest	107.91	582.18
1981 Excise	383.83	
Interest	40.70	424.53
1982 Farm Animal Excise		33.00
1982 Excise	8500.05	
Interest	29.95	8530.00
1983 Excise		16177.33
Fisc. 1982 Chapter 61A		903.10
1982 Real Estate	21302.49	
Interest	1194.85	
Personal Property	1539.60	
Interest	18.46	
Advertising	19.25	24074.65
Fisc. 1983 Chapter 61A		616.50
1983 Chapter 61		12.60
Fisc. 1983 Real Estate	267788.89	
Interest	286.71	
Personal Property	10735.10	278810.70
Highways:		
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
CSI c7 Public Works 1982 Highway & Bridge Improvement LN Distrib. to Cities & Towns S lc Ch. 335	12550.00	
Ch 58 S 18B Highway Fund Dist. to cities and towns	16568.00	
Ch 329 Dartment of Public Works	13957.00	
Ch 825 S3 & S9 Highway Transit Development	20513.00	
	Total Highways	63588.00
Schools:		
G. L. Ch 70 Local Aid Fund Distrib. to Cities & Towns in R.S.D.	22850.00	
P.L. 97-35 Ed. Agcy for child from Low Income family Ch 1	3099.00	

Ch 71 S 7 State Aid for Pupil Transportation	7577.00	
Ch 74 S 8A CSI 7 Educ. Aid of Spec. & Bal. transportation	75.00	
State Aid for Vac. Transportation Educ. reimbursement to Cities and Towns	1509.00	
Educ. Reimburs. to Cities and Towns RSD not home town	69.00	
	Total School	35179.00
Other Income:		
From Mass. State Treasurer:	1250.00	
State Aid to Libraries	400.00	
COA Elder Affairs		
Reimbursement to Cities and Towns for tax abated	2028.40	
Ch 58 S 18C Distributed to Cities and Towns - Local Aid Fund	44675.00	
Ch 58 S 18C Distributed to Cities and Towns - Local Aid Fund Lottery	5605.00	
Ch 115 S 6C S 7 Aid Veterans Services Veterans Benefits	434.25	
CSI A14 Veterans Services-Dept. Veteran Benefits	156.00	
Distributed to Cities & Towns Local Aid Fund	5831.00	
	Total Other Income	60379.65
School Lunch Program:		
Sale of lunches to pupils	7939.42	
State Reimbursement	773.61	
Federal Reimbursement	3182.64	
Meals Tax	23.08	
	Total	11918.75
Hampshire County Treasurer:		
District Court Fines	1375.00	
Care & Kill	222.00	
Dog Refund	227.10	
Health Accident Insurance-rebate, Aetna	150.00	
	Total	1974.10
Federal Sharing Revenue:		
July 1982	6115.00	
October 1982	6116.00	
January 1983	5074.00	
April 1983	5044.00	
	Total	22349.00
Interest on Federal Sharing Revenue		3315.49
Temporary Loans—Anticipation of Revenue		400000.00
Loan—Anticipation of Highway reimbursement Ch 329		13892.81

Loan—Anticipation of Highway reimbrusement Ch 480			12968.88
Loan—Anticipation of Highway reimbursement Ch 732			11303.00
Miscellaneous Income:			
Federal Witholding Tax Deductions		33235.13	
State Witholding Tax Deductions		12092.17	
Hampshire Co. Retire. Deductions		4821.94	
Bl C/S Deductions		3198.63	
Aetna Ins. Deductions		70.02	
Union Pension Plan Deductions		530.00	
Town Clerk-Dog Licenses		820.25	
Police Revolv. Fund HRSD		689.00	
Police Revolv. Fund-Della Const. Rte. 66		39766.50	
Police Service Fee		1810.83	
Cash Contribution			
Bl C/S	369.45		
Aetna Ins.	7.44	376.89	
Use of Town Machinery		780.21	
Board of Appeals Hearing		25.00	
Sale of Gravel	140.00	140.00	
Conservation Comm. Hearing		25.00	
Credit-Goggins & Whalen Ins.		445.30	
Highland Valley Elder Service, Inc.		375.00	
S'ton Road Maintenance-Lashway		100.00	
C. Ognibene-Dog License		15.00	
Sale of Dogs		15.00	
Cks returned-Maginnes & Curtis		10.00	
E'ton Rd. Spring Maint. Contrib.		7.00	
Inspectors' Fees:			
Building	1063.00		
Wiring	85.00		
Sanitation	95.00		
Plumbing	121.00		
Gas	10.00		1374.00
Licenses and Permits:			
Recreation Camp	30.00		
Milk	6.00		
Retail Food	40.00		
Lic. to operate	15.00		
Wholesale Retail	55.00		
Lord's Day	7.00		
Sewage Installers	45.00		
Dump	50.00		
Class II	110.00		
Class III	100.00		
Amusement	40.00		
Wholesale	5.00		
Pistol Permits	390.00		
FID Cards	32.00		

Propane Storage	10.00	
Raffle Permit	10.00	
Entertainment	5.00	
	Total Lic. & Permits	950.00
Insurance Credit-Fickert, Howard, Wragg		971.00
Whitney Collection-Trudeau		173.32
IRS Adjustment		155.11
Federal Tax Refund		4.00
Board of Appeals Variance		100.00
½ Thayer Fund Returned		62.58
	Total Miscellaneous Income	103138.88
Interest:		
Savings Bank	30.56	
IRS Interest	7.56	
MMDT G'rl Acct. Int	5710.47	
Fed. Tax Ret. Int.	.05	
	Total Interest	5748.64
Interest from C.D. Trust Funds:		
Cemetery	453.44	
Charity	421.15	
	Total	874.59
	Total Receipts	1244796.02

EXPENDITURES

Paid Selectmen's Orders	937760.29
Paid School Committee Orders	240542.34
Paid Title I	3099.00
Encumbered Funds	12655.71
Balance on Hand-June 30, 1983	50738.68
Total Expenditures	1244796.02

STABILIZATION FUND

Balance on hand July 1, 1982	65367.69	
Raised and appropriated	10000.00	
Interest Earned	7552.45	
Balance on Hand June 30, 1983		82920.14

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REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR
Fiscal Year 1983

1979 MOTOR VEHICLE				
due 7/1/82		-0-		
Comm 13b	+	23.10		
Comm 13c	+	11.00		
Collected	-	34.10		
Outstanding				none
1980 MOTOR VEHICLE				
due 7/1/82		396.16		
Comm 15c	+	39.88		
Comm 15d	+	5.78		
Comm 15e	+	69.86		
Collected	-	474.27		
Outstanding				37.41
1981 MOTOR VECHICLE				
due 7/1/82		618.52		
Comm 14a	+	23.12		
Comm 14b	+	2.00		
Abated	-	2.31		
Collected	-	383.83		
Outstanding				257.50
1982 MOTOR VEHICLE				
due 7/1/82		3584.97		
Comm 6	+	1077.35		
Comm 7	+	1052.31		
Comm 8	+	1091.09		
Comm 9	+	913.05		
Comm 10	+	616.01		
Comm 11	+	439.06		
Comm 12	+	603.96		
Comm 13	+	409.57		
Abated	-	701.95		
Overpayment	+	6.25		
Collected	-	8500.05		
Outstanding				591.62
Refunded			173.50	
1983 MOTOR VEHICLE				
Comm 1		11348.75		
Comm2	+	7235.00		
Comm 3	+	1332.99		
Comm 4	+	2042.69		
Comm 5	+	1461.99		
Abated	-	1055.32		
Collected	-	16177.33		
Outstanding				6188.77
Refunded			110.22	
Fiscal Year 1982 CHAPTER 61A				
due 7/1/82		903.10		
Collected	-	903.10		
Outstanding				none

Fiscal Year 1982 PERSONAL PROPERTY			
due		1539.60	
Collected	-	1539.60	
Outstanding			none
Fiscal Year 1982 REAL ESTATE			
due 7/1/82		21302.49	
Collected		21302.49	
Outstanding			none
Fiscal Year 1983 PERSONAL PROPERTY			
Comm 10/7/83		11968.00	
Comm 6/2/83	+	10471.65	
Abated	-	20.90	
Collected	-	10735.10	
Outstanding			11683.65
Fiscal Year 1983 REAL ESTATE			
Comm 10/7/83		246165.70	
Comm 6/2/83	+	269224.90	
Comm 6/2/83	+	796.20	
Abated	-	6449.18	
Collected	-	267788.89	
Outstanding			241948.73
1982 FARM ANIMAL			
Comm 6/2/83		1184.50	
Collected	-	33.00	
Outstanding			1151.50
Fiscal Year 1983 IN LIEU OF TAXES			
Comm 6/2/83		1471.34	
Collected		-0-	
Outstanding			1471.34
Fiscal Year 1983 CHAPTER 61			
Comm 6/2/83		255.60	
Collected	-	12.60	
Outstanding			243.00
Fiscal Year 1983 CHAPTER 61A			
Comm 6/2/83		5398.60	
Collected	-	616.50	
Outstanding			4782.10
Fiscal Year 1983 CHAPTER 61B			
Comm 6/2/83		1604.90	
Collected		-0-	
Outstanding			1604.90

Interest Collected 1689.82

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Ognibene
TAX COLLECTOR

I have examined the records of the Tax Collector and to the best of my knowledge, found them to be correct.

Evelyn D. Blakesley

REPORT OF THE PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTOR
July 15, 1983 - December 31, 1983

Total Number of Plumbing Permits Issued	10
Total Number of Gas Permits Issued	1
Total Number Rough Plumbing Inspections	6
Total Number Final Plumbing Inspections	3
Total Number Rough Gas Inspections	1
Total Number Final Gas Inspections	1

Total income from Permit Fees turned in to the Town Treasurer $141.00

Plumbing	$137.00
Gas	4.00

Respectfully submitted,
George W. Staples, Jr.
Plumbing & Gas Inspector

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL INSPECTOR

I have completed the annual inspection of farm animals in Westhampton as required by the State Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Health. The results are as follows:

Dairy Cows over 2 years old	222
Dairy heifers 1-2 years old	118
Dairy calves under 1 year old	81
Beef cattle	11
Steers	8
Horses	67
Ponies	10
Goats	6
Sheep	19
Swine	104

All animals are well cared for and appear to be free of any disease problems.

Respectfully submitted,
Dick Tracy
Animal Inspector

REPORT OF THE WIRING INSPECTOR

For the year 1983 a total of thirty-four (34) electrical permits were issued. These included new services, temporary services, new home wiring installations, additional wiring to existing homes, swimming pools, hot water tanks, etc.

In most cases, two inspections were required for rough and final approval.

Respecfully submitted,
Richard C. Williams
Wiring Inspector

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Westhampton Planning Board continued to meet the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. During the past year we received and accepted plot plans for future development in the town.

The Board and the Town were represented by Roy Van Driesche at the Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward Montague, Jr.-Chairman
David Huntley, Secretary
Gerald Gould
Charles Inman
Roy Van Driesche

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Historical Commisstion if pleased to report that over 470 people have visited the Blacksmith Shop Museum during the reporting period. The interest displayed by all visitors is heartwarming and helps our volunteers to "stand duty" during weekends so that more may enjoy the Museum. The Commission members heartily thank all persons who have given so freely of their time and particularly thank all those who have donated material to the Museum. Your support is sincerely appreciated.

The Historical Commission met eight times during the reporting period for the purpose of organizing and planning. The meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month and are open to the public.

The popularity of The Blacksmith Shop Museum has brought about a very pleasant problem. Namely, that of space. Donations of articles have the Museum bulging at the seams with less than adequate space to display them properly. Your Commission has undertaken a plan to build an addition to the existing building. The addition will provide the much needed space and facilities to properly store, protect and display the holdings of the Museum for generations to come.

Your Commission is actively working with the school system to provide historical presentations in support of class activities. It is particularly gratifying to be able to provide this support to our town's youngpeople.

Respectfully submitted,
Gale Wright, Chm.
Urena Blakesley, Secy.
Cheryl Bobala
Dave Goddard
Esther Holway

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

The Westhampton Zoning Board of Appeals conducted six hearings in 1983.

Case No. 45	George & Karen Hollywood requested a special permit to convert their home into a two family residence under Sec. 4 Bl-Granted.
Case No. 46	Stillman Brooks requested a special permit to establish a repair shop at his residence under Sec. 4 B5-Granted.
Case No. 47	Margaret Cloutier applied for a special permit to convert her home into a two family residence under Sec. 4 Bl-Granted.
Case No. 48	Mr. and Mrs. Leslie requested a special permit to convert their residence into a two family conversiton under Sec. 4 Bl-Granted.
Case No. 49	Mr. and Mrs. Flak applied for a special permit for a two family conversion under Sec. 4 Bl-Granted.
Case No. 50	Randy & Gretchen Conklin requested a variance to extend an existing structure under Sec. 5 Cl-Granted.

The Board reminds property owners that applications for special permits or variances are to be filed at the Town Clerk's Office and that there is a $25.00 filing fee.

Arthur Pichette, Chairman
Daniel Bishop
Jack McGinnis
Ginny Curtis, Clerk
Charles Packard
Blanche DePuy
John Wright, Alternate

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
July 1, 1982 to June 30, 1983

Resume of calls

Assistance calls	142
Ambulance assistance	11
Arson	0
Burgler alarms	36
Breaking and entering	11
Court appearances	27
Hampshire Regional High School	37
Information calls	443
Larceny	37
Missing persons (found)	3
Malicious damage	8
Obscene-annoyance calls	32
Road patrol-housechecks	24
Stolen cars found	2
Stolen cars from Westhampton	0
Suspicious persons	7
Trespassing	2
Vehicle assistance	28
Vehicle complaints	48
Warrants and summons served	24
Radar check	18

Fines returned to town general fund $1375

Gun license registration held second Wednesday of month.

F.I.D. cards issued--16 @ $2.00	$ 32.00
Pistol permits issued--39 @ $10.00	390.00
Returned to town treasurer	422.00

Respctfully submitted,
John F. Cobb
Chief of Police

HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Superintendent's Report

During 1983, the on-going impact of "Propositon 2½" remained the district's greatest concern. The fiscal situation in Southampton resulted in a vote to reduce its Regional assissment appropriation for the second consecutive year. Inasmuch as the other four member towns had approved their proportionate shares as requested by the District, the School Committee felt compelled to seek a resolution of the problem through the judicial system. In the meanwhile, the Region has made up the deficit by borrowing funds based upon the assumption that Southampton would eventually meet its full assessment obligations.

Obviously, such a situation cannot continue much longer and we look for the courts to render a decision early in 1984. The School Committee feels that its case is strong but it is not overlooking the possibility that a finding against the Region might be made. Should such a finding be the case and if there is no substantial increase in state aid, the Committee will have to consider taking immedicate steps to reduce annual spending by up to $200,000. Such a reduction would have far reaching effects upon the school's ability to provide adequate, quality educational programs.

Up until recently, the state regulations governing the operation of school lunch programs prohibited schools from making a profit. While we are still required to offer "Type A" lunches for students who wish to purchase meals, we are now permitted to offer a wide variety of dishes on a "a la carte" basis. These items are prepared and offered to students with the specific intention of producing a profit. As a result, the school cafeteria was able to generate $10,000 which was used to offset a large measure of its operational expenses which were previously funded through the general school budget.

Recognizing the advisability of minimizing the fiscal impact upon a member town having a sharp increase in its assessment percentage because of shifting enrollment figures, the Committee has studied the problem thoroughly and plans to initiate appropriate action in 1984. Under the plan as presently proposed, a town with a five (5) percent increase in Regional students in one (1) given year (for instance), would have its assessment percentage increased by only one (1) percent during each of five (5) years. Given the constraints of "Proposition 2½", the advantages are obvious.

Late in the year the State Board of Education recommended to the Joint Committee on Education that state funds be appropriated to support a state-wide testing program to take effect in 1985. The most significant aspects of such a program would be as follows:

1. That the current policy for the Basic Skills Improvement Program shall remain unchanged at the elementary level.
2. That a state-developed, state-managed and state-scored 9th grade Basic Skills Improvement Test be instituted and that state standards or norms established.
3. That a Massachusetts Assessment of Educational Progress Program be established which will identify strengths and weaknesses in each schools instructional program. (This program would be in addition to the Basic Skills Improvement Program which is used currently to identify individual students in need of help in reading, writing, arithmatic and listening.)

If the Board of Education acts favorably on these recommendations, and if the legislature appropriates the funding for schools to institute such a program, it will mean a major change in policy relative to the state's role in fulfilling its responsibility for educating the youth of the Commonwealth. Up to now, each school district was permitted to establish its own curriculum (for the most part) and to set its own standards for minimum achievement.

State-wide standards are currently being used in several areas of the nation and although such a policy in Massachusetts would not have any immediate impact upon those schools (including ours) with rather high minimum standards already in place, these long-range concerns must be considered:

1. Schools will begin to tailor their curricula so as to improve their standings. In some cases it may mean "teaching to the test" and very little else. To maintain or improve our own relative standing, we will eventually find it difficult not to emphasize certain subject areas at the expense of others not included in the testing program. Thus, another case of local control being eroded away.

2. The ranking of schools state-wide could very easily lead to the development of new priorities in the distribution of school aid funding from the Commonewalth. Equalizing of educational opportunities for all children across the state has long been a goal of the Department of Education and so it should.

A new and more representative school aid formula without a substantial increase in state funding at the same time, however, will only add to the present problems created by "Propositon 2½".

Respectfully submitted,
Richard E. Dragon
Acting Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Since my last report, we have had one major house fire, the Clarence Delisle home on Edwards Road, which was destroyed by fire in December 1982. Mutual Aid was called in, with Easthampton and Southampton Fire Departments responding, and their help was greatly appreciated.

A new and vitally important group has been formed in town by the name of Emergency Medical Technicians or EMT's. This group, consisting of Karen Cherry, Lee Douchkoff, Robert Miller and Cindy Shaw, have undergone an intensive eightyone hour course in medical training, in order to perform medical duties until a person is under a doctor's or hospital care. I encourage any individual interested in becoming an EMT to notify me for further information.

The Department has recently purchased five new radios with Revenue Sharing funds, and it is hoped that this addition will, more effectively, tie in our communication system within the department, as well as with mutual aid calls, thus saving precious minutes in an emergency. Other new equipment purchased through Association funds have been helmets, gloves and an automatic telephone dialer to firemen, located in the Chief's home. A sixth fire phone was installed at Hampshire Regional School this past summer, thus assuring continual coverage during school hours.

Lee Douchkoff attended a house burning school in Grandby this year and John Bridgman attended an arson detecting and barn burning course, as well as receiving

a state certificate from the six month Hampshire County Drill School.

New members joining the Department in 1983 were Gary Warren and Fred Trela.

This Fall, eighteen chimneys were checked and cleaned by members of the Department.

Westhampton is fortunate in having the services of the Southampton Fire Department's ambulance to answer our emergency calls. We are grateful to this group of highly trained EMT's who have responded to and handled our calls in a very professional and efficient manner. The ambulance telephone number is 527-1717. Anyone wishing a telephone sticker with the Police, Fire and Ambulance emergency numbers may obtain one from the Town Clerk's Office.

The following permits were issued this year.

Burning Permits	223
Power Burner & Storage Permits	6
Smoke Detector Permits-Homes Sold	16
Smoke Detector Permits-New Homes	4
Truck Runs	19
Ambulance Runs	10

Respectfully submitted,
David K. Bridgman
Fire Chief & Forest Warden

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT
January 1, 1983 to January 1, 1984

41 Permits Issued

New Houses	4
Additions	17
Remodel	5
Garages and Barns	5
Trailer	1
Swimming Pools	3
Solar Installations	3
Stove Permits	3
Total	41

Money Collected $760.28
212 miles required for inspection

Respectfully submitted,
Harold Lacombe
Building Inspector

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK
July 1, 1982 to June 30, 1983

BIRTHS

July 29, 1982	Justin Todd Alward, son to Todd Russell and Cynthia Jean (Wells) Alward
December 3, 1982	Jeremy David Bushey, son to David Edward and Joan Margaret (Boerner) Bushey
December 16, 1982	Jessica Michelle Fisher, daughter to Daniel Joseph and Helen Ann (Kaleta) Fisher
December 31, 1982	Clinton Stratton Parsons, son to Edward Allan and Trina Ann (Stratton) Parsons
January 16, 1983	Richard Michael Petrauskas, son to Richard Joseph and Jean Marie (Kandrotas) Petrauskas
February 13, 1983	Kristen Jolene Papillon, daughter to James Joseph and Joan Elizabeth (Arndt) Papillon
March 19, 1983	Brandon Edward Nevins, son to Paul Edward and Michele Jean (Veivia) Nevins
March 22, 1983	Joseph Plumb Coffey, son to Donald Patrick and Phoebe Rolin Mitchell
March 30, 1983	Matthew Jacques Fleischner, son to Robert Dixon and Cynthia Marie Jacques
April 15, 1983	Sarah Jean Clark, daughter to John Edwin and Louise Anne (Norris) Clark
May 5, 1983	John Carleton Ryan, son to James William and Cynthia Leigh (Stinchfield) Ryan
June 13, 1983	Bryn Spaeth Hanover, son to Robert Henry and Catherine Wakefield Spaeth
June 15, 1983	Emmet Patrick Van Driesche, son to Roy Gene and Sheila Jay Marks

MARRIAGES

August 19, 1982	Fredrick Skivington Kroll of Oxford, Connecticut and Renee Michelle Belanger of Westhampton
August 22, 1982	Gerard Joseph Marchand of Chicopee and Jeannette Lee Tucker of Florence
September 9, 1982	Lewis Stephen Breitner of Westhampton and Laurie (Culver) Bowden of Westhampton
September 11, 1982	Jonathan Campbell Hoy of Cohasset, Mass. and Lynn Gloria Lewandowski of Easthampton

September 25, 1982	Ernest Ashley Delisle of Westhampton and Ruth Adeline (Pope) Wing of Southampton
January 1, 1983	Frank Dunton Miller, Jr. of Westhampton and Deborah Marie Goulet of Williamsburg
January 15, 1983	Albert Edward Delisle of Northampton and Dawn Vivian DeLisle of Williamsburg
March 26, 1983	Richard Inman Tracy of Westhampton and Maureen Margaret Dempsey of Westhampton
May 15, 1983	Michael Albert Labossiere of Westhampton and Mellissa Ann Koncan of Easthampton
May 22, 1983	Robert Alan Greene of Northampton and Patty Ann Miller of Westhampton
May 28, 1983	Irving Lawrence Geary of Westhampton and Jennifer Louise Tracy of Westhampton
June 9, 1983	Isadore Robert LaMothe of Chicopee and Ruth Leona (Laliberte) LaPointe of Chicopee

DEATHS

August 6, 1982	Henry Parsons	90 years
September 27, 1982	Emile J. Derouin	81 years
October 18, 1982	Clara B. Blakesley	81 years
December 11, 1982	Leo F. Parent	90 years
February 10, 1983	Clarence E. Delisle	68 years
February 17, 1983	Morris L. Frary	81 years
March 18, 1983	Alfred L. Barrett	81 years

DOG LICENSES

Licenses Issued:		
150 Male	@ $ 3.00	$ 450.00
14 Female	@ $ 6.00	84.00
128 Spayed	@ $ 3.00	384.00
11 Kennel	@ $10.00	110.00
1 Kennel	@ $25.00	25.00
1 Kennel	@ $50.00	50.00
		$ 1,103.00
Paid to Town Treasurer		$ 874.25
Retained 305 fees	@ .75 ea.	228.75
		$1,103.00

FISH AND WILDLIFE LICENSES

Licenses Issued:

102	Resident Fishing	@ $12.50	$1,275.00
91	Resident Hunting	@ 12.50	1,137.50
108	Resident Sporting	@ 19.50	2,106.00
8	Res. Minor Fishing	@ 6.50	52.00
7	Non-Res. Cit. Fishing	@ 17.50	122.50
5	Non-Res. Cit. 7-day	@ 11.50	57.50
2	Non-Res. Cit. Hunt (small game)	@ 23.50	47.00
1	Res. Cit. Trapping	@ 20.50	20.50
7	Duplicates	@ 2.00	14.00
6	Non-Res. Cit. Hunting (big game)	@ 48.50	291.00
11	Res. Cit. Sporting-Over 70	FREE	- - - -
3	Res. CIt. Fishing Age 65-69	@ 6.25	18.75
4	Res. Cit. Sporting Age 65-69	@ 9.75	39.00
75	Archery/Primitive Firearms Stamps	@ 5.10	382.50
8	Mass. Waterfowl Stamps	@ 1.25	10.00
			$5,573.25

Paid to Division of Fisheries & Wildlife	$5,395.25
Retained 337 fees @ .50	168.50
Retained 8 fees @ .25	2.00
Retained 75 fees @ .10	7.50
	$5,573.25

BOARD OF APPEALS HEARINGS

5 Applications for Board of Appeals Hearings @ $25.00	$ 125.00
Paid to Town Treasurer	$ 125.00

RAFFLE PERMITS

1 Raffle Permit	@ 10.00	$ 10.00
Paid to Town Treasurer		$ 10.00

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne C. Bridgman
Westhampton Town Clerk

WESTHAMPTON MEMBORAL LIBRARY - 1983

The Westhampton Memorial Library has gone through an exciting and busy year. The change in the Library status from church owned to town owned was a milestone in 1983. On January 21st, a church committee was set up to investigate the feasibility of transferring the Library to the Town of Westhampton. On March 29th, after all the important information was presented, the Westhampton Congregational Church members voted to transfer the land, building, and contents to the Town of Westhampton with the stipulation that it continue as a free public library. Also on this date a committee of three church members and three townspeople was set up to work out a smooth transfer.

A special town meeting was called by the Selectmen on September 26th to accept the Library from the church. A board of six trustees was set up according to state regulations. It was voted that the trustees retain its present name. The deed was signed on December 19th by the Board of Directors of the Westhampton Congregational Church turning the land, building and contents over to the town.

During 1983 a total of 3,685 patrons visited the Library. This represented an increase of 142 patrons over the last year. Our circulation stayed about the same as last year. We now have 428 adults holding Library cards and 180 juveniles using the Library.

The Western Regional Library System still supplements our book collection. The Bookmobile comes every eight or nine weeks with many interesting books and records. Films are available to local clubs and groups. The Library has a list of films that are available but must be ordered three to six weeks in advance of the showing. We also use the Regional Library System for Inter-Library Loan. This year 142 books were borrowed from the region.

On display in the Library this year were some beautiful photographs done by Larry Nielson, a local artist. Also shown were some photographs done by the students of the Hallmark Institute of Photography furnished by Steven Pierce.

We were also fortunate enough to have Mrs. John Cobb and Mrs. Vera Shepard loan us a group of miniature rooms for display. We would like to thank all who shared their hobbies and works of art with us.

On July 1st, the Trustees hired a new children's Librarian, Anita Goddard, to work six hours a week running the children's department. It has been a great help and more children are visiting the Library now. The Library kept in touch with the teachers at the Center School and class visits have been averaging two a week.

"Read a Rainbow", our annual summer reading program, was held during August. Films were shown on the first 3 Wednesdays. On the fourth Wednesday, the Friends of the Library sponsored the summer reading party culminating the end of the program. Certificates were handed out and a performance of the Elfin Puppet Theater highlighted the party. A total of 84 children and 20 adults attended.

A Pre-School Story Time was offered for 4 weeks in November and December for children ages 3 to 5. An average of 6 children attended each session. Another story time is planned for the spring of 1984.

The Trustees and the Librarians wish to thank all the Friends of the Library and the volunteers who have contributed many books, time, and money. Our weekly volunteers this year have been Dorothy Miller, Jennifer Bishop, Dawn Nolan, Marilyn Cervelli, Troy Montague, and Linda Webster. Thank you all!

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Montague - Librarian
Anita Goddard - Children's Librarian

Report of the Superintendent of Schools
WESTHAMPTON

Pupil enrollment statistics recorded as of October 1st of the last three years are as follows:

Grade	1981	1982	1983
K	18	18	21
1	20	15	17
2	23	18	16
3	15	24	17
4	25	18	23
5	22	22	18
6	12	22	23
Center School	135	137	135
Vocational Schools	10	11	10
Total Under Westhampton School Committee	145	148	145
Total Under Hampshire Regional School Committee	104	91	104
Total in Public Schools	249	239	249

The faculty and staff as of the beginning of the 1983-1984 school year included the following:

Mr. Donald MacLeod	C.A.G.S.	Principal	(part-time)
Mrs. Priscilla Miller	B.S.	Kindergarten	(part-time)
Mrs. Deborah Brooks	B.S.	Grade 1	
Ms. Helene Miller	B.A.	Grade 2	
Mrs. Virginia Brown	B.A.	Grade 3	
Mrs. Joyce Piper	M.Ed.	Grade 4	
Mr. Eugene Callahan	M.A.	Grade 5	
Mrs. Joanne Moynahan	B.S.Ed.	Grade 6	
Mrs. Martha Cycz	B.S.	Music	(part-time)
Mr. Michael Korpita	B.S.	Physical Education	(part-time)
Miss. Glenda Hall	M.Ed.	Special Education	(part-time)
Mrs. Joanne O'Leary	B.A.	Special Education	(part-time)
Mrs. Ruth Hawkins	M.S.W.	Adjustment Counselor	(part-time)
Mrs. Charlotte Wood	B.S.Ed.	Chapter I Tutor	(part-time)
Dr. Theodore Selkirk	M.D.	School Physician	(part-time)
Mrs. Eleanor Scott	R.N.	School Nurse & Aide	(part-time)
Mrs. Mary Foster		Cafeteria	(part-time)
Mrs. Lydia Omasta		Kindergarten Aide	(part-time)
Mrs. Janice Tracy		Cafeteria & Custodian	

Personnel who left the employ of the School Department during 1983 included:

Mrs. Euthecia Hancewicz	Chapter I Tutor	(part-time)
Mrs. Patricia Moriarty (leave of absence)	Grade 1	
Mrs. Gloria Nicholls	Special Education	(part-time)

Staff members newly employed by the School Department included:

Mrs. Priscilla Miller	Kindergarten	(part-time)
Mrs. Joanne O'Leary	Special Education	(part-time)
Mrs. Charlotte Wood	Chapter I Tutor	(part-time)

Note: Miss Brooks, who had been a part-time Kindergarten teacher, was transferred to Grade 1 on a full-time basis.

Based upon pupil enrollment data recorded as of each October 1st, the six (6) co-operating school systems share the costs of employing a common superintendent of schools and a common central administrative office and staff. The following statistics show how the responsibility for these costs has varied over a three (3) year period.

	1981-1982	1982-1983	1983-1984
Chesterfield (K-6)	5.4%	6.1%	6.5%
Goshen (K-6)	4.7	4.2	4.0
Hampshire Regional (7-12)	44.6	44.6	45.4
Southampton (K-6)	26.9	26.5	24.7
Westhampton (K-6)	7.2	7.7	8.0
Williamsburg (K-6)	11.2	10.9	11.4
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

belongs after p. 51

Art. 5 HRHS	130370.00	182126.00	182126.00
Art. 8 Center School	280876.00	304631.00	304631.00
Art. 11 Unemployment	5000.00	5000.00	3000.00
Art. 13 Library	8130.00	8360.00	8360.00
Art. 14 Library		330.00	—
Art. 15 Stabilization	—	10000.00	5000.00
Art. 16 Tax Maps	10000.00	10000.00	10000.00
Art. 17 Copier		2000.00	1500.00
Art. 18 Pick up		12500.00	*
Art. 19 Sander		6800.00	6800.00
Art. 20 Safety Equipment		950.00	400.00
Art. 21 Well Testing		1152.00	1152.00
Art. 22 Police Radios		2000.00	2000.00
Art. 23 Police Radar		1250.00	—
Art. 24 Mrs. Hathaway		348.15	—
Art. 25 Mr. Cobb		2418.37	—
Art. 26 Fire Truck		60000.00	*
Art. 29 WM Coalition		200.00	—
TOTAL		882004.87	789032.04

*Recommend Bonding

Art. 27 Road Reconstruction	825000.00	—

HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Report of the Superintendent

The student enrollment figures for the District recorded as of October 1, 1983, were as follows:

Grade	Chesterfield	Goshen	Southampton	Westhampton	Williamsburg	Other	Total
7	18	8	69	28	3	0	156
8	13	16	97	13	24	0	163
9	9	11	91	20	16	0	147
10	11	10	58	19	19	0	117
11	7	13	56	11	20	1	108
12	11	10	59	13	31	1	125
PG	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
HRHS	69	68	431	104	143	2	817
HEC	1	0	2	0	1	0	4
Enrolled	70	68	433	104	144	2	821
Tuitioned Out	0	0	2	1	0	0	3
Not Assessed	0	0	-1	0	0	-2	-3
Assessed	70	68	434	105	144	0	821

The assessment percentages below reflect four categories of pupils for which the Region is financially responsible; those physically attending Hampshire Regional High School (817), those attending Hampshire Educational Collaborative programs sponsored by the Region (4), those tuitioned out to other schools (3), and those not included for assessment purposes (-3). Note that several years' percentages are shown in order to illustrate how the student populations have been shifting.

	1981-1982	1982-1983	1983-1984	1984-1985
Chesterfield	10.114%	9.773%	8.024%	8.526%
Goshen	8.068	7.867	8.383	8.283
Southampton	47.045	51.013	54.012	52.862
Westhampton	12.500	12.396	10.898	12.789
Williamsburg	22.273	18.951	18.683	17.540
	100.000%	100.000%	100.000%	100.000%

Personnel who left the employ of the District during 1982 included:

Miss. Susan Descarage	Special Education
Miss. Martha Evans	Spanish
Mrs. Yvonne Swinington	Cafeteria

Personnel newly employed by the District during 1983 included:

Mrs. Wendy Blow	Cafeteria

Report of the Highway Department

The major project for the highway department in 1983 was the completion of Northwest Road reconstruction project as far as it had been designed. This road has been completely reconstructed with proper drainage systems and an oil and stone surface. All of this road should receive a seal coat in 1984.

As in recent years we have spent some time and money trying to bring all the "back roads" to the point where they are passable by car. This process is proceeding slowly but steadily. Three wooden bridges have been replaced with concrete culverts. The winter of '82 and '83 was open enough to allow us to cut brush and trees most of the winter, concentrating on Laurel Hill Road. Others of these roads which have seen work this year are Edwards, Burt, Reservoir Road Ext., and Crowley Road.

Although nothing visible was done on the North Road project, near the Aloisi Farm, we were successful in convincing the State D.P.W. the curve could be straighter than was orginally planned. During the summer the layout was redesigned with a 1000 foot radius curve. This project should be completed in 1984.

A dangerous curve on Lyman Road was corrected in September.

A seal coat of oil and stones was placed on Clapp Road, Loudville Road, a portion of Montague Road, and one mile of North Road.

In 1983 we started a program of cleaning drainage structures with hired cleaning equipment. We plan to do half of them each year. Some may need more frequent attention, but only time and observation will tell. Also, experience has proved it is much cheaper to hire a power sweeping on those roads where the sand has to be picked up. This practice will be continued and expanded.

All equipment at the Highway Dept. has been maintained in good condition. We are recommending the pick-up truck and the old, gas powered, sander be replaced in 1984. Keeping equipment in good condition is paramount in order for regular work to proceed smoothly. Especially snow removal during winterstorms.

With Northwest Road and North Road projects out of the way we expect to start in earnest on rebuilding Stage Road. Design work for Stage Road has been done previously and is awaiting implementation.

Of course this report would not be complete without mention of the reconstruction of Route 66. This state and federally funded project will certainly make it easier for our Highway Department as well as all who drive on it. Except for some touch-up work in the spring that project is complete in Westhampton.

Although maintenance and reconstruction work in our town are proceeding at a reasonable pace, it is obvious some roads are deteriorating at a faster rate than we are getting to work on them. It seems with this a fact, with interest rates down, and with new methods, available for recycling present road surfaces, now would be the right time to float a bond and plan a major catch-up period for rebuilding those roads in the most serious condition. At our annual meeting we will present such a plan and we hope all townspeople will study and give serious consideration to this plan.

Richard W. Tracy
Highway Superintendent

Report of the Board of Assessors

This was a very busy and productive year for the Board of Assessors. With the assistance of the Spencer-Fitts Company we have completed a revaluation for the town. The project went very well and has provided us with very accurate and up to date records. This updating process goes on yearly and every three years there is a state mandated revaluation. The people of the town were very cooperative and helpful during the year-long revaluation process and the Board wished to take this opportunity to thank them.

During this year all three members of the Board attended school to be certified by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. All members passed the examination and are now qualified in Assessment, Administration, Law Procedure, and Valuation.

Tax maps are now on the way to becoming a reality. The Board has in its possession the aerial photographs of the town. The Tax Map Company is in the process of completing the first phase of the work. The Board is very anxious to complete this project as it will give us much needed information on land.

The town now has a value of $30,469,750 plus $7,048,850 in exempt property. There are now approximately 800 parcels in the town. The tax rate was $18.80 on a value of $30,469,750.

The Board meets on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the upper Town Hall. Please feel free to come up or call us at that time.

Respectfully submitted,
John F. Shaw, Jr.
Priscilla A. Miller
Euthecia G. Hancewicz
Board of Assessors

Patricia A. Wood
Assessors Secretary

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE - 1983

The Westhampton School Committee met and organized as follows: Phil Norris, Chairman and Regional School Representative; Gail Hartnett, Secretary and Curriculum Sub-Committee; Tom Cleary, H.E.C. Representative and Administrative Advisory Representative.

We regretfully accepted the resignation of Marion Miller who has been an excellent member of the school committee for seven years, serving as its secretary.

We voted, as part of the budget, to have new siding put on part of the school building.

It was voted, also as part of the budget, to obtain computers for all of the classrooms.

In May, it was voted to grant a one year leave of absence to Pat Moriarty. Debbie Brooks will teach first grade and Pat Miller will take on the kindergarten responsibilities.

In September, we sadly accepted Gloria Nichols' resignation as our speech therapist. Joanne O'Leary, who has been working with the children, has replaced her.

We would like to extend our appreciation to the wonderful teaching staff, all those volunteers in the community without whom we would be less than we are, and all others who have helped "run" the school.

Regular meetings of the Westhampton School Committee are held at 7:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the Center School. Anyone wishing to discuss school matters with the committee is welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Hartnett
Phil Norris
Tom Cleary

BOARD OF HEALTH

Dr. James Averill was elected to a 3 year position to replace David Cole.

Mr. William Hogan has been appointed by the Selectmen to finish the 3 year term of Peter Curtis. Mr. Hogan's term will expire in April 1984.

The Board of Health sponsored the 1983 Rabies clinic as well as the annual septic tank clean-out program. The Board also supplied the flu vaccines for the Council on Aging flu clinic.

For the town's landfill, local regulations were adopted and published in the Bell Tower and Daily Hampshire Gazette and 160 new landfill stickers were issued. As required by the State Department of Environmental Quality Engineering, two groundwater monitoring wells were installed by the Highway Department at the landfill and one methane gas detection well was also installed.

Due to increasing coliform bacteria counts and budgetary constraints, it was voted to discontinue the Southampton Road spring.

Board of Health inspections for 1983 included:

1. Colchester Egg Farm
2. Fuller Horse Farm
3. Outlook Farm
4. Loudville Store
5. Windy Acres Campground
6. Hampshire Regional High School
7. Westhampton Water Co. Reservoir

In addition, the Board issued eight general licenses for activities including Retail Food Service, Horse Camp, campgrounds, metal removal at landfill, and dump permits for Westhampton rubbish only.

The Board also issued disposal works installers permits and witnessed 6 perc tests.

Respectfully submitted,
Timothy Maginnis
William Hogan
James Averill

WESTHAMPTON COUNCIL ON AGING
Westhampton, Massachusetts
Annual Report

The Council on Aging can report a year of varied and creative activity.

Once a month the Executive Committee has met followed by regular noontime potluck luncheons and meetings held at the Westhampton Congregational Church.

We are able to report the completion of a ramp built at the side door of the Town Hall for use by handicapped and elderly citizens. Our flu clinic served thirty people. A blood pressure clinic is available at each lunch period. Our lunches have been followed by several stimulating programs. The summer picnic at Delisles and our Christmas musical were highlights with more than fifty elders attending. The Hilltown Transportation Van serves our town twice per month. We are represented at Western Mass. Council on Aging meetings, and are in constant contact with the Mass. Department of Elder Affairs. We also have a representative on the Highland Valley Elder Services Board of Directors. Our Council also actively participated in the Town Tag Sale last May.

Attendance at our lunches and meetings is improving. We hope to reach more elderly in our community. We express sincere appreciation to all those who support the Council efforts throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward Lawton, Chr.
Ernest Delisle, Treas.
Esther Holway, Sec.
Dorothy Loud
Eunice De Santis
Louise Jasionkowski
Jean Webster

REPORT OF THE SANITATION INSPECTOR
January 1, 1983 - December 31, 1983

There were 5 new sanitation systems installed this year. There were 6 repair permits and repairs made and inspected. There were 2 new house permits issued but the installations were not completed or inspected this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Ernest A. Delisle

Westhampton participated in the Easthampton Soccer League with teams coached by Joe Jarmen and Wally Kwolek during the fall months. Adult volleyball was held at the Hampshire Regional High School once a month during October through May. Dawn Jarmen conducted women's exercise classes three times a week at the Town Hall in the spring and fall. Steve Holt and Bud Geary led Tuesday evening basketball practices for Boys in grades 8-12 at the Town Hall for one and a half hours before adult basketball which was held from 7-9. On Saturday mornings, Tom Dutkiewicz coached children in grades 3 and 4 in basketball skills at the Town Hall. Bill Tracy was manager of the men's softball team in the Easthampton Softball League.

Westhampton joined the Southampton Youth Athletic Association during 1983 with more than fifty children participating. In basketball there were two traveling teams and seven in-house teams. Two Teen League teams, five Major League teams, five Minor League teams, and four Tee-Ball teams made up the baseball program. And the Girl's Softball League was comprised of three Major and three Minor teams. Four Westhampton people are on the Southampton Youth Athletic Association's Board of Directors. Some people have volunteered their services, but there still exists a need for volunteers in all areas of coaching, umpiring, scorekeeping, field maintenance, manning food booths and fund raising.

Again the members of the Recreation Commission would like to thank all the people who have donated their time in any way to help in providing athletic activities for our townspeople in Westhampton and Southampton programs.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth Wood
Ralph Hancewicz
John Bridgman

HUMAN SERVICES LIAISON

This is to remind Westhampton people that I still hold the title of HUMAN SERVICES LIAISON. I continue to be available to help with resources in time of any personal or family crisis. My telephone number is 527-6670.

Sincerely,
Lydia C. Omasta

BUDGET

Account	Actual 1984	Proposed 1985	Fin Com Recom.	Vote Yes	Vote No
Assessors	1140.00	1310.00	1310.00	6	0
Board of Health	100.00	100.00	100.00	6	0
Cemetery	1250.00	1250.00	1250.00	6	0
Civil Defense	100.00	100.00	100.00	6	0
Clerical Hire					
Assessors Secretary	350.00	500.00	500.00	6	0
Selectmen's Secretary	550.00	550.00	550.00	6	0
Census Taker	150.00	150.00	150.00	6	0
Town Accountant	1900.00	(see town officers)			
Constable	10.00	10.00	10.00	6	0
Conservation Commission	25.00	25.00	25.00	6	0
Council on Aging	675.00	675.00	675.00	6	0
Counsel Fees	1500.00	2000.00	1500.00	6	0
County Retirement	9060.00	9998.00	9998.00	6	0
Dog Officer	75.00	75.00	75.00	6	0
Dutch Elm	1.00	177.31	1.00	6	0
Fire Chief/Forest Warden	500.00	500.00	500.00	6	0
Fire Department	2000.00	2250.00	2000.00	6	0
Group Insurance	11359.32	17162.04	17162.04	2	4
Historical Commission	350.00	975.00	~~125.00~~ 500	6	0
Insurance	22000.00	25000.00	22000.00 24,000	6	0
Interest on Temporary Loans	5000.00	10000.00	9000.00	6	0
Land Damage	500.00	2000.00	2000.00	6	0
Memorial Day	100.00	100.00	100.00	6	0
Police Chief	500.00	500.00	500.00	6	0
Police Department	5500.00	5500.00	5500.00	6	0
Postage & Telephone	3000.00	3000.00	3000.00	6	0
Printing & Supplies	2500.00	4000.00	4000.00	6	0
Recreation	200.00	200.00	100.00	5	1
Reserve	5000.00	5000.00	5000.00	8	0
Town Hall	2500.00	2500.00	2500.00	6	0
Town Officer	10800.00	13500.00	13500.00 14,050	6	0
Travel Expense	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	6	0
Tree Removal	200.00	200.00	200.00	6	0
Veterans	4000.00	4000.00	2000.00	6	0
Highway Dept. Salaries	53722.00	56034.00	56034.00	6	0
Holiday Pay	1164.80	1232.00	1232.00	6	0
Vacation Pay	1710.00	2310.00	2310.00	6	0
Bridges & Railings	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	6	0
Highway Mateirals & Const.	48000.00	48000.00	48000.00	6	0
Road Machinery	11000.00	12500.00	12500.00	6	0
Road Machinery Fuel	11000.00	10000.00	10000.00	6	0
Road Machinery Buildings	2500.00	2500.00	2500.00	6	0
Snow Removal	20000.00	20000.00	20000.00	6	0
Town Dump	4500.00	4056.00	4056.00	6	0
TOTAL	248492.12	271939.35	264063.04		

WESTHAMPTON SALARIES

ELECTED		
Board of Selectmen (3)		
Chairman	750.00	
Others	600.00	
Assessors (3)		
Chairman	600.00	
Others	550.00	
Tax Collector	1250.00	
Town Clerk	1250.00	plus fees
Moderator	60.00	Annual Town Meeting
	20.00	Special Town Meetings
Treasurer	2000.00	
Auditor	125.00	
Board of Health (3)	50.00	
School Committee (3)		
Chairman	150.00	
Others	125.00	
APPIONTED		
Police Chief	500.00	
Fire Chief & Forest Warden	500.00	
Veterans Agent	100.00	
Dog Officer	100.00	360
Clerk, Board of Registrars	50.00	
Town Accoutning Officer	1900.00	
Assessors Secretary	350.00	
Selectmen's Secretary	550.00	
Building Inspector	250.00	500
Wiring Inspector	150.00	
Plumbing Inspector	150.00	
Gas Inspector	50.00	
Sanitation Inspector	50.00	

FUND HELD IN TRUST BY THE TOWN

Certificates of Deposit at NIS

		Interest Earned	
3700.00	Cemetary	453.44	
3380.85	Charity	421.15	
		Total Interest	874.59

WESTHAMPTON AMBULANCE FUND

Balance on Hand June 30, 1983 243.56

ROAD MACHINERY FUND

Balance on Hand June 30, 1983 363.50

Respectfully submitted,
Olga Hathaway
TOWN TREASURER

WESTHAMPTON
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Appropriations 7/1/82 - 6/30/83	254930.00
81-82 Encumbrances	12655.71
Chapter I	3099.00
TOTAL	270684.71
Expended - Appropriations	240542.34
Expended - 81-82 Encumbrances	12655.71
Expended - Chapter I	3099.00
82-83 Encumbrances	13685.04
Balance - Appropriations	702.62

EXPENDITURES
ADMINISTRATION

Donald J. Buss, Superintendent	2504.64	
Donald J. Buss, Travel	91.95	
Richard E. Dragon, Assistant Superintendent	2192.17	
Richard E. Dragon, Travel	131.33	
Chester E. Gannett, Business Manager	1540.93	
Chester E. Gannett, Travel	111.75	
Karen K. Ferron, Clerical	511.57	
Bernice C. Greenberg, Clerical	968.35	
Marilyn W. Ingellis, Clerical	857.49	
Sylvia N. Smith, Clerical	857.49	
Superintendent Office Expense	702.53	
Superintendent Other Expense	70.46	
Hampshire Educational Collaborative	570.87	
Insurance	90.07	
		11201.60

TRANSPORTATION		
Carl B. Liebenow, Elementary	8385.60	
Strong Corp., Kindergarten	4050.00	
George Gary, Vocational	3780.00	
		16215.60
MAINTENANCE		
Donald E. Fox	2683.33	
Michael E. Holt	1287.27	
Janice I. Tracy	2451.89	
Custodial Supplies	646.16	
Fuel	5017.13	
Utilities	5141.78	
Maintenance	3615.69	
Maintenance to Equipment	195.45	
		21038.70
TUITION		
Vocational	32549.72	
		32549.72
		256297.05
Encumbered for Summer Pay		13685.04
		269982.09

Article 1: To hear and act on all reports presented at said meeting.

Article 2: To elect by ballot necessary officers to serve the ensuing year, and vote on Questions Number One, Two, Three, Four and Five.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to leave the care of the highways in charge of the Selectmen.

Article 4: To vote in compliance with Secton 108, Chapter 41 G.L., which requires that salaries of elected officials be fixed by the vote of the Town.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide $182,126.00 to meet Westhampton's share of Hampshire Regional School District's Assessment for Fiscal 1985 or any lesser sum as may be certified by the District provided that any such certification shall be made prior to the establishment of the tax rate, and to meet this appropriation, a sum of monies be raised by taxation.

Finance Committee approved 6 -0

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Hampshire Regional School District's Agreement as follows:
AMENDMENT - Section 1 (A) and 1 (D)

Strike out Section 1 (A) and 1 (D) as amended in their entirety. Insert in place of Section 1 (A) the following:

(A) COMPOSITION
The powers and duties of the regional school district shall be vested in, and excercised by a regional district school committee, hereinafter sometimes referred to as the Committee. Each member Town shall be entitled to representation on the committee based upon a ratio of one (1) elected member each five hundred (500) townseople. The population of each town for this purpose shall be the most recent Federal Census, and for initial implementation of this provision, the 1980 Federal Census shall be used to determine said population.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Town shall ever have less than one (1) elected representative. In the event that any Town shall have only one (1) elected member, it will be permitted to have one additional non-voting member, to assist the regularly elected member in his duties. Said nonvoting member shall be elected or appointed as each member Town shall determine.

Each elected or appointed member in office on the School Committee at the time of adoption of this amendment shall be permitted to complete his/her term of office. Elected members will be those elected at annual town elections. Members shall serve until their respective successors are elected and qualified.

Strike out Section 1 (B) and 1 (C) in their entirety.
Strike out Section 1 (E) in tis entirety, insert in its place the following designated as (B):
(B) VACANCIES
If a vacancy occurs among the members elected under subsection 1 (A), the selectmen and the remining Committee members (or, in the case of a one (1) member town, the Selectmen acting alone) acting jointly, shall appoint a member to serve until the next annual town election, at which election a successor shall be elected to serve out the unexpired term, if any.

Re-letter Section 1 (F) as 1 (C). As re-lettered, amend 1 (C) by striking out the first sentence and substitute as follows:

After the election and qualification of its members, the Committee shall annually organize and choose by ballot a chairperson from its own membership.

Change 1 (F) to 1 (C) in the last sentence of this section.
Strike out Section 1 (I).
Insert a new 1 (D) as follows:
1 (D) TERMS OF OFFICE
In every year in which the term of office of an elected member expires, the member town involved shall, at its annual town election, elect member(s) to serve for a term of three (3) years. No member of a local school committee may serve on the Regional school committee at the same time.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Hampshire Regional School District's Agreement as follows:

Amend Section IV (D) as follows:
Strike out the first two sentences of IV (D). Insert the following in place:

Each member town's share of the capital and operating costs shall be determined by calculating, for each member town, the ratio which that town's "Determined Average 5-Year Enrollment" bears to the "Determined Average 5-Year Enrollment" for any member town shall be determined by averaging the five following pupil enrollment figures:

(1) Hampshire Regional School Dist. Membership:	Grades 7-12 Oct. 1, two years past
(2) Hampshire Regional School Dist. Membership:	Grades 7-12 Oct. 1, one year past
(3) Hampshire Regional School Dist. Membership:	Grades 7-12 Oct. 1, current year

(4) Hampshire Regional School Dist. Membership:	Grades 7-11
Local Elementary School Membership:	Grade 6
	Oct. 1, current year
(5) Hampshire Regional School Dist. Membership:	Grades 7-10 and
Local Elementary School Membership:	Grades 5 & 6
	Oct. 1, current year

For the purposes of determing the "Determined Average 5-Year Enrollment", a town's pupil enrollment for any year in which the town was not a member town as of October 1 of that year shall be the applicable enrollment in any of the Grades 5 through 12 pupils residing in such town and receiving education at such town's expense on October of that year.

The ratios calculated for each member town on each October 1 shall be used to determine the share of the operating and capital expenses to be assessed to that member town for the following school year.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, $304,631.00 for Center School, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.
Finance Committee approved 6 -0

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, such sum of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges in the ensuing year.
See Budget for Finance Committee Recommendations

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning 1 July 1984 and ending 30 June 1985, and to issue a note or notes that may be given for the period of less than one year in accordance with Section 4 and 17 of Chapter 44, G.L. of Mass., or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, for the fiscal year 1985, no member town's assessment shall either increase or decrease by more than 50% of the difference in assessment determined by comparing assessments under the prior formula as compared with the formula above.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide ~~$5000~~ 3000 to hold in anticipation of unemployment benefits for Town employees, in accordance with Chapter 151A of the General Laws of Mass.
Finance Committee recommended $3000 6 - 0

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or to authroize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow in anticipation of 100% reimbursement under Chapter 90 construction, a sum of money, and to authorize the Selectment to enter into an agreement with the Commonwealth of Mass. Department of Public Works, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate $8360.00 8030 to the Library for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 1984 and to meet this appropriation vote to transfer $1250.00 from 1983 Library Incentive Grant for Free Public Libraries, and raise by taxation $7110

Finance Committee recommended reducing amount to be raised by taxation by dog refund and supplemental aid to libraries (Article 14) 7 - 1 1884.03

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to transfer $330.00 from Supplemental State Aid for the Westhampton Memorial Library to the Library Account, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate ~~$10,000.00~~ to the Stabilization Fund, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Finance Committee recommended $5000.00 8 - 0

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $10,000.00 for the second phase of tax mapping, or take any other vote or votes in relation thereto. 5-1

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide ~~$2000.00~~ for the purchase of a copier for the Town Hall, or take any other action in relation thereto. 1700

Finance Committee recommended $1500.00 7 - 1

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of $12,500.00 for the purchase of a new pickup truck for the Highway Department or take any other action in relation thereto.

Finance Committee voted 5 - 3 to seek funding through bonding

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of $6800.00 for the purchase of a new sander for thw Highway Department or take any other action in relation thereto.

Finance Committee approved 6 - 2

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of $950.00 to purchase safety equipment for the Highway Department, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Finance Committee recommended $400 8 - 0

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of $1152.00 for sanitary analysis of private drinking water supplies in the general vicinity of the landfill, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Finance Committee approved 8 - 0

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of $20000.00 for the purchase of three radio units for the Police Department, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Finance Committee approved 8 - 0

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide the sum of $1250.00 for one radar unit for the Police Department, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Finance Committee disapproved 8 - 0

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $348.15 for the purpose of paying a bill due to Olga Hathaway in the amount of $348.15 for services rendered in administering the Police Service Fee created in connection with the reconstruction of Route 66, and to meet said appropriation, the sum of $348.15 be transferred from ~~Surplus Revenue~~. TAXATION

Finance Committee disapproved 8 - 0

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $2418.37 for the purpose of paying a bill submitted by John Cobb in the amount of $2418.37 for services rendered in connection with the reconstruction of Route 66, and to meet said appropriation, the sum of 2418.37 be transferred from ~~Surplus Revenue.~~ TAXATION

Finance Committee disapproved 8 - 0

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, the sum of $60000.00 for the purchase of a Fire Truck for the Fire Department, or take any other vote or votes in relation thereto.

Finance Committee recommended this be funded through bonding 6 - 2 rather than in regular budget. The vote in regard to obtaining the fire truck with a bond issue was 4 yes and 4 no.

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to incur a long term debt or the installation of drainage systems and reconstruction of Easthamption Road and portions of South Road, Southampton Road, and Montague Road, and for engineering work on Reservoir Road and Kings Highway. Such debt not to exceed the sum of $825,000.00.

Finance Committee disapproved 8 - 0

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to accept Clause 41B of Chapter 59, Section 5 of the General Laws, relative to real estate tax exemption for elderly persons, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to (1) join the Western Massachusetts Coalition of Governments and Institutions for the purpose of supporting an effective legal challenge to the rate increase requests filed by the Westhern Massachusetts Electric Company with the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities; (2) to raise and appropriate funds according to the established fee schedule or otherwise provide its share ($200) of coalition expense.

Fianance Committee disapproved 5 - 1

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue maintenance that portion of old Chersterfield Road known as Brewer Woods Road, starting at the intersection of Northwest Road and Chesterfield Road and continuing easterly a distance of 4600 feet, more or less, to the point where it rejoins the present Chesterfield Road.

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to abandon a storm drainage easement on the Southerly side of Route 66 affecting land of David W. and Mary Lee King Morse, said easement having been granted to the Town Selectmen to execute and eliveer a release of said easement or take any other action thereon.

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to amend the By-laws of the Town by striking out paragrah 1 of that section of the By-Laws entitled "Town Meeting" and inserting in place thereof the following section:

"1. The annual election of Town Officers shall be held the first Saturday in April of each year and the annual meeting for the transaction of other business shall be held on the third Saturday of April.

1A. Officers elected at the annual town elections shall take office at the close of business of the annual town meeting on the third Saturday of April."